

COLUBER FASCIATUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Scuta abdominalia.

Squamæ subcaudales.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 275.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

COLUBER CÆRULEUS, subtus pallidior,
cæruleo lucidiore variatus.

COLUBER FASCIATUS?

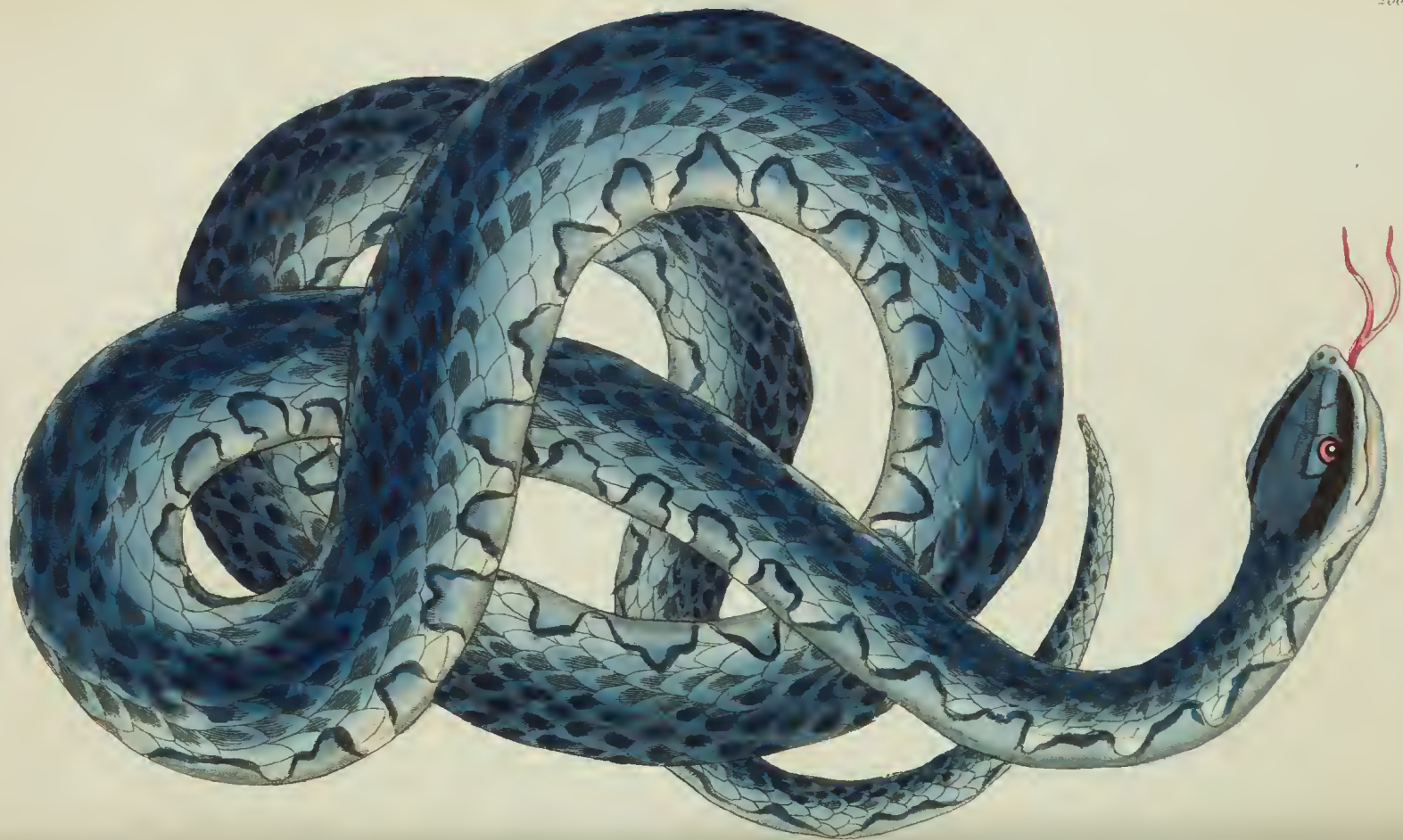
Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 378.

ANGUIS e cæruleo et albo varius.

Catesb. 2. t. 58.

Historiam naturalem probe callentibus facile patebit a Catesbæo mutuatos esse nos figuram hujus serpentis, situm paululum mutato. Eadem communiter putatur hæc species ac coluber fasciatus Linnæi; ipseque Linnæus, nonnihil tamen addubitans, relegat lectores ad hanc ipsam Catesbæi tabulam. Si veros colores depinxerit Catesbæus, habendus pro-

proculdubio est coluber fasciatus inter formosissimos
sui generis. Reperiri præcipue dicitur in Carolina,
et in numero esse serpentum prorsus innocuorum.



THE FASCIATED SNAKE.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Transverse *Lamellæ* under the abdomen.
Broad alternate *Scales* under the tail.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

BLUE SNAKE, paler and variegated with
brighter blue beneath.

The WAMPUM SNAKE.

Catesb. Car. 2. t. 58.

It will readily be perceived by those who are conversant in natural history, that the elegant snake represented on the present plate is in reality copied from Catesby, with the variation only of posture: it is commonly considered as the *coluber fasciatus* of Linnæus, and is thus quoted, though not without a mark of uncertainty, in the *Systema Naturæ*. If the colours of the living animal are really such as expressed by Catesby, it must certainly be regarded as
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one of the most beautiful of that variable tribe. It is said to be found principally in Carolina, and is a perfectly harmless species.